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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Philippe Seguela, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/530,233  
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For: DNA ENCODING A HUMAN PROTON-GATED ION  
CHANNEL AND USES THEREOF  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY  
AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the March 13, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified case, Applicants elect restriction Group I (claims 16 - 21) without prejudice to the eventual filing of a divisional application on restriction Groups II, III or IV. Applicants neither agree nor acquiesce with the Examiner's characterization of prior art references.

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